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Almighty + Eternal God, Father of our Lord J.C., we bow in humility before thee. As we come to the end of another year, remembering the past and anticipating the future - we realize how much we are creatures of time. We confess our Father - that our measurements of time pale to thine eternity: our years indicate thy timelessness. Grant us O God, to know our limitations - in the words of the Psalmist - to number our days - that we may know thee as the God beyond time; the God who is now and ever shall be, world without end. Hear these our humble prayers - through J.C. our Lord. Amen

- Let us each give thanks for the year past - for the time given us: for the significant events which have occurred in our lives. Let us pray silently.

We are grateful, our Father, For the privilege of living now - in these exciting & restless days. We thank thee for all that has happened to us - for the richness of our experience, acknowledging that our living is always in thy presence - through J.C. our Lord. Amen

In this Christmas season, remembering God's redeeming love for all men - let us pray for others -

let us pray for our brothers who are poor
" " " " those whose joy is dulled by grief,
loneliness, or sickness
" " " our servicemen - and all those separated
" from their loved ones

O thou whose will it is that all men know thee as a loving Father - hear these our prayers for others - through J.C. our Lord. Amen

In this season - marked by hope - let us pray for peace -

let us pray for peace in Viet Nam
" " " for those who negotiate
" " " " our president + his advisors
" " " " guidance that in some small measure
" we might attribute to peace among men.

O thou who art the sov. lord of all - we pray humbly for peace - thru J.C. our Lord Amen

Our Father - we rejoice in the love + spirit of affection so evident in this season. Grant that we might reflect that same love together in thy church - and individually in the world - throughout the year. Hear us now as we pray together the Prayer